

ITALIAN STUDIES (BA)

The Italian Studies Major at Loyola University Chicago is an interdisciplinary program that offers students a learning experience in the field of the humanities with a focus on broader cultural, historical, and societal contexts beyond language studies. Since antiquity, Italy has been a crossroad of civilizations connecting the ancient, medieval, and modern world of Europe and the Mediterranean. It continues to be an international cultural destination and a central passage connecting the Global North and South. For these reasons, while the mission of teaching and promoting the language and literature of Italy is at the core of our Program, the Italian Studies major extends its scope to include multiple interdisciplinary perspectives (Classics, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Global Studies, History, Philosophy, Theology, Music, and Sociology), placing the country, its language, and its peoples in a Mediterranean, European, and global contexts.

The Italian Studies curriculum includes courses in the Italian language; Italian literature courses both in Italian and in translation; a 300-level internship course, with the possibility of completing it with international firms in Italy; and courses in other disciplines taught at Loyola. The Italian Studies major prepares students to work in a variety of fields that require an international background and solid intercultural skills.

Related Programs

Major

- Italian (BA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures/italian-ba/>)

Minor

- Italian Language Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures/italian-language-minor/>)
- Italian Language and Literature Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures/italian-language-literature-minor/>)

Curriculum

Completion of the BA in Italian degree program requires ten courses totaling 30 credits. Requirements include a 3-credit hour introductory, interdisciplinary course, five courses of Italian Language, 9 credit-hours (3 courses) of electives to be chosen from a variety of Core courses, and a 3-hour Internship or service-learning course, which can be taken in Chicago or at the John Felice Rome Center.

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Interdisciplinary Course		
LITR 161	Introduction to Italian Culture	3
Italian Language Courses ¹		15
Italian Studies Elective Courses (p. 1)		9
Internship or Service Learning (Chicago or Rome)		
ITAL 395	Internship	3
Portfolio		
A senior portfolio is required for student reflection on their achievement in the major and for program assessment		
Total Hours		30

¹ Students take five classes in Italian after placement determined by their competency. If they have had no Italian, they begin with

ITAL 101 Italian I and take the next four classes: ITAL 102 Italian II, ITAL 103 Italian III, ITAL 104 Italian IV, and ITAL 250 Composition & Conversation I. Students who place higher than 104 chose from ITAL 251 Composition & Conversation II, ITAL 270 Main Currents of Italian Literature I, ITAL 271 Main Currents of Italian Literature II, and any 300-level ITAL course to ensure that 5 of the 10 courses taken for the major are taken in the Italian language.

Elective Options

Code	Title	Hours
CJC 351	Organized Crime	3
CLST 206	Art of Ancient Greece	3
CLST 207	Art of the Roman World	3
CLST 276	World of Classical Rome	3
CLST 277	World of Late Antiquity	3
CLST 295	Women in the Classical World	3
CLST 334R	Introduction to Classical Archaeology - Rome/Italy Focus	3
ENGL 318R	The Writing of Fiction: Writing Rome	3
ENVS 227R	Ecology of the Mediterranean Sea	3
FNAR 200	Global Art History: Prehistoric to 600 CE	3
FNAR 201	Global Art History: 600-1800CE	3
FNAR 342	Art in Rome	3
FNAR 343	Baroque Art	3
FNAR 344	Early Italian Renaissance Art	3
FNAR 345	Italian High Renaissance and Mannerist Art	3
HIST 253A	Barbarians and the Fall of the Roman Empire	3
HIST 308B	Pompeii and Herculaneum	3
HIST 314	Renaissance	3
HIST 324	Italy 19th & 20th Centuries	3
HIST 379A	Italian Americans in World War II	3
HIST 379B	History of Italians in Chicago	3
ITAL 251	Composition & Conversation II	3
ITAL 270	Main Currents of Italian Literature I	3
ITAL 271	Main Currents of Italian Literature II	3
ITAL 300	Tutorial for Credit	1-6
ITAL 305	Advanced Grammar	3
ITAL 312	Dante-The Divine Comedy	3
ITAL 315	Italian Renaissance Literature	3
ITAL 318	Survey Late 19th Cent Lit	3
ITAL 319	Survey of 20th Century Prose	3
ITAL 331	Survey of Italian Theater	3
ITAL 340	Italian Short Story	3
ITAL 390	Culture & Civilization	3
ITAL 395	Internship	3
ITAL 399	Italian Honors Tutorial	3
LITR 161	Introduction to Italian Culture	3
LITR 264	Italian Film Genre	3
LITR 267	Italian Film History	3
LITR 268	Italy: Cultural History	3
LITR 268R	Italian Culture: Food & Wine	3
LITR 291	Italian & Italian-American Women Writers	3
MUSC 154R	Introduction to Opera in Rome	3

PHIL 277R	Aesthetics: the Aesthetic Experience in Rome	3
PHIL 288R	Culture & Civilization in Rome	3
PHIL 304	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PLSC 365	Italian Politics & Government	3
ROST 382	Human Rights: View from Rome	3
SOCL 267	Italy Today	3
THEO 266	Church & Global Cultures	3
THEO 279	Roman Catholicism	3

These outcomes will be evidenced in the students' senior capstone project (ePortfolio).

Teacher Education Requirements

Eleven courses totaling 33 credits, excluding 101-104, including Stylistics, Culture and Civilization and either Linguistics 120 or 125. Students in Secondary Education must also take Linguistics 302—Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages.

Departmental Honors

Students graduating with Departmental Honors take one Honors Tutorial (Italian 399) in addition to the above requirements.

Double-Dipping Policy

This department observes the CAS Double-Dipping Policy (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#policies>) regarding unique credits required for each declared major/minor.

College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to take two Writing Intensive courses (6 credit hours) as well as complete a foreign language requirement at 102-level or higher (3 credit hours) or a language competency test. More information can be found here (<https://www.luc.edu/cas/college-requirements/>).

Additional Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students are required to complete the University Core, at least one Engaged Learning course, and UNIV 101. SCPS students are not required to take UNIV 101. Nursing students in the Accelerated BSN program are not required to take core or UNIV 101. You can find more information in the University Requirements (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/>) area.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students majoring in Italian Studies will be able to:

- Produce communication in the Italian language at high-intermediate/low advanced level
- Identify major themes and patterns in the historical and cultural heritage of Italy by linking its classical past to contemporary times
- Demonstrate first-hand experience of Italian culture in both academic and nonacademic settings
- Apply an intercultural perspective to professional global affairs acquired through immersion learning experiences, including an internship
- Integrate the Jesuit principles of service, inclusion, and self-knowledge into practice